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On December 28, 2004

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

AMBS and HARRIS

Application No.: 09/830,977

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: P53 AND VEGF REGULATE  
TUMOR GROWTH OF NOS2  
EXPRESSING CANCER CELLS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7226

Examiner: Sheela Jitendra Huff

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 31, 2004, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time, from November 30, 2004, to December 31, 2004, and a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 are filed herewith. Also filed concurrently is a supplemental declaration by the inventors under 37 C.F.R. §1.131.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.